



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 2631
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William E. Betts	)	Examiner: Khanh C. Tran
	)	
Serial No.: 09/785,366	)	Confirmation No.: 5031
	)	
Filed: 2/16/01	)	Docket No.: 61607-1580
	)	
For: <b>SYSTEMS AND METHODS</b>	)	
<b>FOR FRACTIONAL BIT RATE</b>	)	
<b>ENCODING IN A</b>	)	
<b>COMMUNICATION SYSTEM</b>	)	

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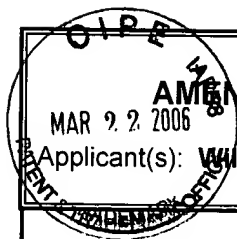
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**  
**TO FOURTH (FINAL) OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

The final Office Action mailed January 23, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (LARGE)**

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Applicant(s): **William Betts**

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**09/785,366**Filing Date  
**2/16/01**Examiner  
**Khanh C. Tran**Confirmation No.  
**5031**Group Art Unit  
**2631**Invention: **Systems and Methods for Fractional Bit Rate Encoding in a Communication System****Commissioner for Patents  
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INDEP. CLAIMS	7 -	8 =	0	X \$200.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$360.00
EXTENSION FEE	1 <sup>ST</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/> 110.00	2 <sup>ND</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/> 430.00	3 <sup>RD</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/> 980.00	4 <sup>TH</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/> 1,530.00	\$
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